

**Andrew Jackson to Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch
Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de Lafayette, April 17, 1829,
from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by
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TO THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE.1

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Washington, April 17, 1829.

My Dear Sir, I have just received your letter of the 26th February last, and feel a melancholy pleasure in knowing that the dispensation of Providence which has thrown over my future days the mantle of sorrow, has engaged your sympathies. The reflections which they inspire are consolatory as a tribute to the memory of my dearly beloved wife, and as a proof of your friendship for me. They are also cheering as another evidence of the goodness of your heart, which, amidst the vicissitudes of life in a distant land, does not cease to look with a parents eye upon the private as well as public concerns of the people of the United States.

With my prayers for the conti[n]uation of your health and happiness allow me to offer you the grateful recollection of Mrs Donelson and every other member of my family, and subscribe myself

Your Sincere friend

Remember us if you please to Mr. Lavossiur and the whole family of La Grange